EVENING & LEDGER

CHARLES A. MEURER **COMMITS SUICIDE** BY INHALING GAS

Wealthy Philadelphia Manufacturer, Retired, Found Dead in Kitchen of Home at Wyncote.

Charles A. Meurer, 60 years old, of Plainbrook and Maple avenues, Wyncote, a wealthy retired Philadelphia manufacturer, prominent in Masonic circles, committed suicide today at his home by inhaling illuminating gas. He is believed to have been temporarily deranged as a result of ill health and other worries. A two-hour battle was made by

physician and a nurse from the Abington Memorial Hospital with a pulmotor to save Mr. Meurer's life, but in valu. The body was discovered in the kitchen of the home shortly before 7 o'clock this morning by servants, who notified members of the family.

and windows and turned on the jets of chair beside the range. When he was found his head had drepped over one of

ambulance with a puimeter. They

UNDERTAKERS SCOUT TALK O HIGHER COST OF FUNERALS

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"There is nothing to "t" was the state-ment of Charles W. Naulty, Third and streets. Mr. Ngolty is moratary of Joeni association. "I do not see how any norman could have said such a thing said he, "for there is no reason for an increase. All materials used in anthulming or otherwise preparing persons for buring are made in this country and can-

George Chandler Paut, Seventh and Poplar streets, former President of the National Funeral Directors' Association, said it could not be possible to raise the price of funerals and give the war abroad

as an excuse for this action.

Harry Battersby, of the firm of William

H. Battersby 255 North Broad street,
characterized the rumon as ridherous

"Everything we need in our business is made in this country. He said offer any things which have increased in releasing might affect the cost of funerals prolumber and horse feed but this multificial cost is so which it would be footish of fact, if it were at all nearly it is nearly like to decrease the sent of our services instead of raising it."

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PAINTERS' COLIC DRIVES YOUNG MAN TO SHICIDE

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Painters' calls from which he had suffered for some twars, is elven as the motive for the michiganitative of Haward Riffle, M years old, who ended his tife by drinking notion in his room at a boarding house at 212 Arch steer, early

tional Hotel at Middletown Fa., and ble familie is said to be wealthy. The police have communicated with his retailest The young man was found to his room this morning by the landlady, who de-tected the odor of carbolic and. He was ed dead at the Medico-Chirurgial Hospital.

Officials of the Four-Hunber Automa-

bile Company at 21st and Market effects where Riffle was employed as an anto-mobile painter, say that he was some and industrious and could rive no rement for his suicide except that he suffered from painters' colic, a disease to which painters become susceptible.

Suspect Negro of Robbine House Charles Sanders, a Negro, 377 Market street, whom the police support of rol-bing the home of Mrs. Lucy Paraell, 309 Cathbert street, was arraigned befor Magistrate Harris today in the 28th street and Lancaster avenue police station and held without half for a further hearing next Tuesday. Policeman Calaban say Sanders leitering about the Parnell home before the rebbery was committed. Jew-



AUTO WRECKED AGAINST TROLLEY POLE Morton Kahn's roadster at Sixteenth and Chestnut streets after accident caused by his swerving to avoid a taxicab.

MANY LOCAL ODD FELLOWS WILL GO TO ATLANTIC CITY

Annual Session of Sovereign Grand Lodge Opens There Sept. 22.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR. Who has become a member of a Philadelphia banking house.

NAVY YARD TO LOSE

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LITTLE SUFFERERS AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S **BRAVE AND CHEERY**

Hospital in Northeast Section the Daily Scene of Hopeful Struggle Against Diseases of Children.

pital, Lawrence and Huntingdon streets. has 47 little patients.

Opportunity to study child life is ever present to the visitor at St. Christopher's, Teddy Roosevelt will not greet him at the loor, but Teddy Roosevelt Wick will welcome him on the roof garden. This little boy, like Miss Jeffords, head nurse, wishes o interest every one in the work of the iospital, and consequently he will talk for a half hour without a complaint and smile during waking and sleeping hours.

it is the build of a prizefighter in em bryo that Teddy carries when he is stretched in bed. He has hip disease From his walst up he is perfect. Miss Jeffords does not think that Teddy will ever be far-famed as an athlete, but eventually he may walk without a false step and make a name for himself. In the cot next to Teddy on the roof

garden is Isabella Lawson, 6 years old, sufferer from infantile paralysis. She waiking today, but it is with the hesitating steps of a old woman or child just learning to walk. The fact is, she is just learning over how to walk. She is confident, and when she falls she smile in an apologetic manner. She is the mes senger and errand girl for Teddy Roose velt Wick. She is about as speedy as the average messenger boy, but she is much more certain of results.

Ida Rudolph, 5 years old, is also on th roof. She has been there two months but shows little improvement. The doc tors see her every day. There is some

Then there is Beatrice, 1½ years old, Beatrice is a favorite, but the nurses have forgotten her last name. She will tubercular condition of her spine and one Miss Beatrice has not guessed that an operation is imminent, so she has not become hysterical as some of her older sisters might. When she isn't sleeping she is sucking her left thumb. It is always the left one.

Fransico Disco has spent six of his ten years in the hospital. As an old resi-tient he says that he prefers the roof varden to a ward. There is more air, He can tell just what is happening by ries of the newsboys and he also

as The nurses say that children have more

In the surgical ward lies Billy Garnett, years old. The tiny boy, who is the to lift not a further hears most of the time in a sleep or a stupor, sicked up and hurried to the bospital. Every one but the physician who received him said that the child was dead,

half cunces. She will live, probably, under hospital care, but if she had been years ago.

Nearly all the other children in the compilates words are recovering from commer compilates or marganus.

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The test extends will remain out of down the number of little. When he got to Atlantic they are who does not live at home. Her patients at the hospital the surgeons and had been removed to make way for imto mathers who bring their bables with The wife diseases prevalent among voluntaters of are given leasens in how to give the freed and to the technolog.

SEEKING HOSPITAL SITE

Committee Named to Decide Location for West Philadelphia Homeopathic, A building committee to visit hospitals throughout the city in quest of ideas for the new \$100,000 building of the West Philadelphia Homespathic Hospital has been appointed, and efforts will be made to have work started by January 1 next At the present time the hespital is oc-

supplies the old Yewdell mangion in 13th street and is cramped for room. The institution is the only one of its kind in . In his early manhood it was the ambithat section of the city and is said to handle more accident cases than any other West Philadelphia hospital.

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The prisoners gave their names as James Lomax, is years old, of this South lieved the patriot was dead. The building committee, which will draw up the plans for the new structure, is composed of H. M. Armstrong, chair-

man: Emil Thelepberg, Dr. H. M. Gay, Dr. J. D. Culin, Dr. William McKenzle and William Marlaker, the latter president of the hospital. NEGRO BEATEN AND ROBBED A. J. Herring, a Negro, 25 years old, of 1503 South 18th street, was held up, badly

WEST ALLEGHENY AVE. MARKET ST. CHESTNUT 57 WALNUT ST. CHRISTIAN ST. MIFFLIN ST.

PROPOSED AUTO BUS LINE

A petition for a franchise to operate double-deck gaso-electric cars will be put before Common Council today. The project has been halled by traction men interested in the Taylor rapid transit plan as a scheme to give an excuse for delaying action on subway. The "United Traction Improvement Company" fathers the plan.

LUKE DILLON'S SON PAYS WITH LIFE FOR **DEVOTIONTO FATHER**

vated by His Labor Following Irish Patriot's Release From Canadian Jail.

Robert Emmett Dillon gave up his life today at the Hahnemann Hospital, a sacrifice to the love and admiration he bore

berger street and was put back to bed, ther mother works, and obtained 26 cents course from the accounting departcont. and who for three years was a
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After the operation Dillon failed to Leaving nor mother, Mamie went to the rally and this morning he died. His home on New street, packed a small body was taken to the home of his whitehaired father, at 1812 South Thirteenth street.

FATHER BOWED BY GREEK Fourteen years in prison Lad folled to has frequently teld of her dissatisfaction break the spirit of Luke billon bet when at home. She did not want to be poor, He is allve, but that is all.

The featherweight of the hospital is a 5-day old baby girl. She is of Italian parentage, and at noon Wednesday weighed exactly two pounds six and onelife Imprisonment passed on him fourteen

Four brothers, a sister, the mether, a wife and two children survive, healdes the father. The mother is now 59 years old. She also is white haired. She has street where the McColkheys live, said recovered her husband and lost her son. Make trapposity told her of her discon-

walked with him for hours around the system of beyond gain and again of his attempted exploit be Ireland.

SON WEAKENED BY DEVOTION. The result was that young Dillon weakened himself beyong hope of recovery. After Luke Dillon was arristed, in 180, the family knew nothing of his where- NEFVOUS PET COLL'E abouts for years. He wrote to his wife year. The money for the new building from the penitentiary, told her of his was raised in a 15 day campairn last life sentence, and suggested that as she from the penitentiary, told her of his would never see him again it would be Began to Warry When Mistress as well to mourn him as dead. The shift until they had grown up.
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> dren and friends of the family never hedieved the patriot was dead.
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> The funeral will be held next Monday morning with service in the Annunciation Catholic Church, and interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery. Definite plans have not yet been made, but it is probably caused by the excitement of moving.
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Robert Emmet Dillon was 25 years old

Jack Dillon Draws With Brown VINCENNES, Ind., Sept. 17.—Jack Dillon, of Indiamapalia, and George (K. O.) Brown of Chicago, fought ten rounds to a draw here lest night.

GIRL OF TEN YEARS, TIRED OF POVERTY, FORSAKES HER HOME

Succumbs to Illness Aggra- With 20 Cents, Obtained From Hardworking Mother, Mamie McClosky Is Believed to Have Left the City.

for his father, Robert Emmett Dillon Manne McCloskey, 129 New Street, to for-

from her burent, saying she need it to continue sewing femons at the school, The mother move it willingly for it was

Ha home on New street, packed a small bundle of glothing and when hog seen was walking in the direction of Delivere

they said, as I seemed said because it was not possible for her to have pretty better things some day," one little girl said.

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DISAPPEARS FROM HOME

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Gyay, a female collie dor with a nercome at her home. 1921 Ch staut street.

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but her recreament of moving.

The pet, who was the property of Miss pells Flinn formerly lived at 1829 Chest, and street, Gypsy became much attached to this bouse, and when her mistrees moved four doors below the dog it is assid, segan to worry, incidentally, she had several narrow escapes in the moving and bately missed an untimely death under a plane which slipped to the under a plane which slipped to the common who came to Anpanas' result helped to take Anpanas to the police stations and Special Policeman Cope several hours later caught Lowax and flueron at 31 distinct and stray's Ferry Road Cope had a warrant for the arrest of Lomas had a warrant for the arrest of

Miss Filin prizes the don especially be-cause it was a gift, and she will give a reward to the finder who returns the pet. Gypsy is dotted slightly with yellow, but despite this she is brave and auda-dons.

WILL ASK COUNCILS FOR AUTO BUS LINE FRANCHISE TODAY

New Company Plans to Operate 120 Heavy Cars, Damage to Pavements Feared - Director Taylor Won't Comment.

An effort to obtain a city franchise for omnibus line on the principal streets will be made today at the meeting of Common Council. For days a story has been current that part of the program of opposition to the subway proposition was to be a petition for an omnibus line, on the plea that it would relieve the need for improved traffic facilities. This, the story ran, would be siezed upon as an excuse to delay action on the subway.

Walter C. McIntire, an electrical con tractor at 12 North Fifth street, is the man in charge of the omnibus project. He is related to George C. Pierle, of the Board of Registration Commissioners, The belief that the scheme may be urged as a substitute for other transit plans is supported by a statement issued by Mc-Intire for the United Traction Improvement Company, which will operate the

McIntire says: "The petition for the franchise puts the question of immediate relief of passenger traffic conditions in the residential sections squarely up to the city government."

the city government."

In the days when the omnibus line was nothing but a rumur those who heard it said the plan might be used to divert attention from the transit proposition beore Council. "Of course, a bus line never would take the place of a subway," said one man prominently concerned in the subway plans, "but, at the same time, those opposed to the subway might use it as a pretext for delaying action."

DIRECTOR TAYLOR WON'T COM-Director Taylor, of the City Transit Department, declined to discuss the plan or an omnibus line. He had not heard

petition for a franchise was to be in-Electricity generated by gasoline motors power for the new bus line. The "United Praction Improvement Company" is the name of the organization which seeks the

avement, McIntire asserts,
Three routes are designated in the etition to Common Council.

Route number one will start at Front and Market streets, and will traverse Market, Broad, Diamond, 25th streets, avenue, 27th, Diamond, 33d

nd Market streets, and will traverse iket, Broad, Porter, 21st, Wolf, 22d. Mifflin, 24th and Christian streets. Route number three will start at Front Market, 32d, Chestnut, 53d, Walnut and

PAVING DAMAGE FEARED.

William D. Uhler, assistant engineer in the Highway Bureau, was asked today whether he thought an omnibus weighing 10,500 pounds would damage paving. The bus line project was news to Mr. Uhler. "I had not beard that anyone planned to operate a bus line," he said, "and until I have some details as to the way the trucks will be built it would be impersible to tell what effect they would have on the pavement. Some of the Baldwin Locomotive Works trucks are heavier clothes and little trinkets like other girls than those proposed for the bus route had, "She often said she would have and Chief Connell is investigating now to see how much damage heavy trucks in-

> When the Hughes bus line was running on Broad street the damage to paving Blueprints showing the construction of the proposed cars were fasted today by

> the traction company. The cars will retimble those used by the Fifth avenue the in New York city, but their motive power will be electricity instead of gaso line. This, according to McIntire, will elminate the shock of starting and stop-Ping noticeable on the New York stages. There will be double rows of cross sents inside the stages and on a top dock winding stairs will lead up from the rear entrance platform to the open air deck-On the left side are six cross seals, Divided by an aisle running the leasth

> of the car are four more and one siste scat. Arrangements will be the same for both decks. Safety First and the Public be Pleased" will be the slogan of the new company, according to an announcement sent today to newspaper offices. There will be a night service specially designed to accommodate theatre crowds, it says Sched-wiss will be based on the patronast though it is said the buses will run on \$ headway west on Market

TWO HELD FOR ASSAULT

street for the first few days.

Man Knocked Down by Would-be Robbers, Who Are Arrested.

Another attempted highway relibery in outhwest Philadelphia—the fourth in the last two weeks—resulted this morning is the capture of Special Policeman Cops of the Twentieth and Federal streets siztion, of two Notices. The men were arranged at Central Station this morning

had a warrant for the arrest of Lonas on a charge of assault and battery and attempted highway robbery neeferred by Thomas J. Brennan, of 300 Whartes Street.